Change in time of Delhi-Bhubaneswar flight

2127. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the occupancy rate in the Indian Airlines flights from Bhubaneswar to Delhi and Delhi to Bhubaneswar during the last one year;

(b) the reasons for which the convenient time in the morning and the evening are not being considered inspite of repeated demands;

(c) the numbers and names of State capitals which face similar inconvenience/discrimination as Bhubaneswar in respect of flight timing; and

(d) whether the Indian Airlines now consider changing the timings to enable passengers to get back to Deihi/Bhubaneswar within 24 hours considering that other airlines have started competing on the same route?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Occupancy rate in Indian Airlines' flights from Bhubaneswar to Delhi and Delhi to Bhubaneswar during the last one year was 73.7% and 73.5% respectively.

(b) Due to aircraft capacity constraints, Indian Airlines is unable to re-schedule its flights in the morning and in the evening.

(c) Indian Airlines' flights are operated without any bias or favour to any station. Indian Airlines plans an integrated schedule of operations based on market requirements and priorities of the airline *vis-a-vis* availability of resources. Indian Airlines does not operate both morning and evening flights from Delhi to Bagdogra (for Sikkim), Chandigarh, Guwahati, Imphal, Jammu/ Srinagar, Raipur, Patna, Ranchi, Trivandrum, Shillong, Aizwal, Dimapur, Agartala, Port Blair, Agatti, Shimla, Dehradun and Itanagar.

(d) Indian Airlines has presently no plans to change the timings of Delhi-Bhubaneswar flight.

New applications for operation of scheduled airlines

2128. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate set of guidelines which